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In re Application of:

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For: CERAMIC HONEYCOMB EXTRUSION APPARATUS

AND METHOD OF EXTRUDING CERAMIC

HONEYCOMB BY UTILIZING SUCH APPARATUS

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: